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SUBJ: MINISTER JOHNSON TO VISIT US TO DELIVER MESSAGE FOR
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: LOME 2289

1. MINISTER OF INFORMATION KWAОВI BENYI JOHNSON CALLED CHARGE EVENING OF AUGUST 5 TO SAY THAT HE WAS LEAVING THE NEXT MORNING ON A PRIVATE TRIP WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE HIM TO THE US. HE HAD, HOWEVER, BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT CARTER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT EYADEMA. CHARGE TOLD THE MINISTER THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT HIS PLANS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHO WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY CONTACT THE TOGOLESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ARRANGE THE DETAILS OF HIS CONTACT WITH USG OFFICIALS.

2. SEVERAL MINUTES LATER MINISTER JOHNSON CALLED BACK TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER PERSONALLY. I TOLD HIM THAT HE MUST BE REALISTIC; THE PRESIDENT HAD A BUSY SCHEDULE AND I COULD NOT BE SURE THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE DELIVERY IN PERSON.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH JOHNSON GAVE NO HINT AS TO THE CONTENT

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OF THE MESSAGE, IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY INTENDED AS THE OPENING IN AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WHICH EYADEMA MENTIONED HE WAS CONSIDERING STARTING IN HIS EXIT INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR PALMER (REFTEL). IT IS TYPICAL OF AFRICAN PROTOCOL TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSAGE BY SENDING IT WITH A HIGH-RANKING MESSENGER. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT JOHNSON, A SENIOR MINISTER, CAN BE RECEIVED AT A SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL. YOUNG

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